

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

In the Air.

The scent of a blossom from Eden!
The flower was not given to me,
But it freshened my spirit forever,
As it passed, on its way to thee!

In my soul is a lingering music:
The song was not meant for me,
But I listen, and listen, and wonder
To whom it can lovelier be.

The sounds and the accents that flow by
—us—
They cannot tell whither they go;
Yet, however it falls of its errand,
Love makes the world sweeter, I know.

I know that love never is wasted,
Nor truth, nor the breath of a prayer;
And the thought that goes forth as a blessing
Must live, as a joy in the air.

The best of all God's blessings
Are caught upon the wing,
And then set free into the heaven
Of other hearts, to sing.

Our message brought no answer—
Our dream did not come true;
But we have freshened weary lives
In ways we never knew.

—LUCY LARCOM.

At Orange Show.

Miss Meta Randolph, who spent the early summer most pleasantly with friends in Maryland, went to Orange for the horse show, which was a great success, and has been largely attended. Miss Randolph has taken an active part in all the gayeties attendant upon the show, and has not yet returned to Richmond. Other charming Richmond girls in Orange include the Misses Shiloh and Miss Sophia White.

Society's Exodus.

Many departures are booked for this week, August being the month when Richmond is comparatively deserted. Mrs. Charles V. Carrington, Miss Avis Grant and other members of Mrs. Carrington's family go this week to Muskoka Lake, Canada.

Mrs. Charles Pickett Stokes and Miss Allene Stokes leave for the Greenbrier White Sulphur Springs, where Major Charles Stringfellow and Miss Margaret Stringfellow will spend August. Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Tate Morgan and Miss Maude Morgan will go to Lake Tokaway, in the Sapphires country of North Carolina, to spend the rest of the summer, and Mrs. Gordon Wallace, in going to Healing Springs, will be accompanied by Miss Nellie Boykin.

Mr. Hamilton Godwin Boykin and Mr. Robert C. Cabell will go to Squirrel Island, Me., and to Newport for August.

Ben Venue House Party.

Mrs. and Mrs. Edward McCormick Green, of Virginia, gave a charming house party this week. Among the guests present were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Phillips Hill, of Pittsburgh; Mrs. A. Walter, of Fredericksburg; Miss Walter, of Front Royal; Mrs. Basil Gordon, of "Winkfield Manor"; Miss Corinne Montague, of Baltimore; Mrs. W. P. Montague, of L. G. Jackson, of Albemarle; Mr. Moffett, of Salem; Mr. Fulton and Mr. O'Flaherty, of Richmond.

Mrs. Greene will give a number of house parties during August.

Mrs. Brown Honored.

The Roanoke Evening World of recent date has an item of interest to Richmond and Virginia friends of the ladies mentioned.

"Mrs. Dwight Nowell, of Ashville, N. C., was hostess during the week of a charming reception, given in honor of her guests, Mrs. Vincent Smith and Mrs. Powhatan Conway, of Danville, Va., and Mrs. J. Thompson Brown, of Richmond, Va. The receiving party were stationed in the drawing-room, which was decorated in red and green, with a profusion of ferns and sweet peas. Mrs. Nowell wore a dainty gown of white mousseline, trimmed with baby Irish lace; Mrs. Smith was gowned in a handsome black crepe de chine; Mrs. Conway's gown was of gray voile over blue tulle. Mrs. Brown was dressed in black net over white silk. Teas and other refreshments were served in the dining-room. A large list of guests were present."

At Gay Buckroe.

The society column of the Newport News Times-Herald has a full account of the gayeties attendant upon the presence of Richmond people at Buckroe Beach.

It tells of a delightful dinner given by Mrs. Preston Leary, of Petersburg, at which Miss Rosalie Milnes, of the city, was one of the guests. Others present were Miss Joyce Bishop, of St. Louis, Mo.; Miss Ann Wilson, Messrs. Nelson S. Groome and George Lake, of Hampton; Lee Powell, of Newport News.

Mrs. Edgar Gunn and Miss Katherine Gunn, of Richmond, and Mrs. Marion Bohanus, of Pittsburgh, Pa., are spending several weeks at the Princess Anne Hotel, Virginia Beach.

Mr. W. D. Long has returned to his home in Newport News, after a visit to

Miss Wadley, of this city, is the guest of Mrs. W. B. Wexley, in Roanoke.

Mrs. John Jackson, of this city, chaperoned a party of young people who enjoyed a marshallow roast given at Virginia Beach last Wednesday evening in honor of Miss Nina Whitmore, Messrs. Jack Whitman, Walter Ollis and Joseph Fifteenth were the hosts, and Miss Louise Word, of this city, was among the guests.

Mr. George W. Pollard and Miss Mary Pollard, who spent the winter and early summer in this city, have returned to their home at Norfolk, Va.

Miss Ida McLean, of Fredericksburg, came to Richmond recently to join Miss Alice Daniel, who has been the guest of Miss Wilson, Miss McLean will accompany Miss Daniel to her home in Oxford, N. C.

Miss Edith Jantcher is visiting the Misses Almond, in Norfolk.

Mrs. W. L. Welbourne and little Miss Helen Welbourne, of Crown, are in the city for a week's stay.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cooke and children have returned from Virginia Beach.

Mr. Harry L. Watson recently visited Christiansburg on business.

Miss Mary Crump is visiting General and Mrs. T. T. Munford, in Norfolk.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Burton and Mr. and Mrs. David Mosley, of Washington, paid a short visit to Miss Dora Burton, at No. 6 South First Street.

Miss Margaret Moncure is visiting her parents in Fredericksburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Nunemaker and children have returned from a visit to Salem, where they visited Mrs. J. H. Smith.

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